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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Katsuhiro IWASAKI et al.

Serial No. : 10/085,797

Filed : February 28, 2002

For : METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR METAL SMELTING

Art Unit : 1742

Examiner : Andrews

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

This is a response to the Office Action of October 23, 2002 (Paper No. 7), which is a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC 121. The term for responding to the Office Action is extended one month by a PETITION FOR EXTENSION filed concomitantly herewith to end on December 23, 2002. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend renumbered claims 50, 54, 55, 57 to 59 and 62 to 68 to read as follows:

50. (Amended) The apparatus for metal smelting of claim 49,

wherein the means to rotate and/or transfer the mixture of raw

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